

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF A FALLEN HERO: PO 2ND CLASS TONY MICHAEL RANDOLPH—"A MAN ON A MISSION", EODT, THE UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, on this upcoming Memorial Day, I rise to honor an American Hero and a PO 2ND CLASS, Tony Michael Randolph, of Henryetta, Oklahoma. Last year, on July 6th, Tony was killed by a roadside bomb while traveling in a convoy in southern Afghanistan. His Strength in honor would make any American proud! And as a member of Navy's EOD Team, he had one of the most dangerous jobs in the military. He received a Bronze Star with Valor and a Purple Heart. From the early age of 12, he knew he wanted to be in the Military and serve his country. His reputation in High School and in the Military for his selfless and relentless work effort impressed all who had the pleasure to come into contact with him. Our prayers go out to him and his family on this Memorial Day and all of the thousands of families whose pain mounts. It's true, only The Good Die Young! I submit this poem penned in his honor and memory by Albert Caswell.

IN HONOR'S GRACE

In . . .
In Honor's Grace!
We now so see your face!
As high above all others,
we now you so place!
All in how you've so lived your life,
all in your most selfless of all sacrifice!
As up to Heaven,
to our Lord Tony you now so rise!
So rise!
As this new Angel,
so takes flight!
To so watch over us so day and night!
Day and night!
As here we so stand,
with tears all in eyes!
As our Hero,
has so died!
As we so all realize,
what pain before your family now so lies!
So lies!
And that great future before you would have
so realized!
But it's far . . . far . . . better,
to have died for something,
than to have so lived for nothing at all!
As it's for you Tony,
America's son out to you our hearts now so
call!
For your fine short life,
was but like a song up on high!
NAVY STRONG!
As A Man On A Mission,
who to our Lord now so belongs!
Who'd so cast his light!
As An Angel In The Army of Our Lord,
to so watch over us both day and night!
Day and night!
And we will hear you on the wind,
as you take flight!

And we will feel you in the morning,
as we awake all by our side!
As you Tony were EOD,
and as brave and as bold as could be!
Could be!
To So Make A Difference With It All!
Was want you so Tony wanted,
and what you so saw!
As you Tony,
so answered that most noble of all calls!
That Call To Arms!
Where only, the most courageous of all
hearts of honor do so roam!
Moments,
are all that we so have!
To Grab Hearts!
To Make A Difference With It All!
To bring our light!
To evil,
to so fight!
Goodness!
Evil!
Darkness!
Light!
Those Brave Hearts,
who evil must fight!
Who bring their light!
And across Oklahoma on this very night,
as your love ones so lay their heads down so
to sleep . . .
there comes a gentle rain as our Lord so
weeps!
Are his tears coming down from Heaven to so
ease your pain!
Until, up in Heaven you all so meet once
again . . .
And you won't have to cry no more!
And now,
as we so lay your fine body down to rest!
For this our Nation Tony,
you have so blessed!
For it's All In Honor's Grace,
That You Now So Rest!
So Rest!
Amen!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 164, I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor at a doctor's appointment. Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote on H.R. 1412, the Improving Job Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2013.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

Also on rollcall No. 165, I was unable to cast my vote on H.R. 1344, the Helping Heroes Fly Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

And on rollcall No. 166, I was unable to cast my vote on H.R. 3234, the bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II, as amended.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

RAVEN CLEVELAND

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Raven Cleveland for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Raven Cleveland is a 10th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Raven Cleveland is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Raven Cleveland for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE REPUBLIC OF
AZERBAIJAN ON ITS 95TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Republic of Azerbaijan in celebration of the 95th anniversary of Republic Day on May 28th.

Azerbaijan and the United States have developed a robust and growing relationship over the last two decades. I am extremely proud that we have established what Secretary Clinton has called "deep, important, and durable bonds between the United States and Azerbaijan."

Although located in a geopolitically tough location between Russia and Iran, Azerbaijan has consistently looked to the United States as an ally despite these difficult neighbors. A secular country with a predominantly Muslim population, Azerbaijan has also been home to vibrant Christian and Jewish communities representing a role model for peaceful coexistence and harmony of different religions and ethnic groups.

Azerbaijan was also the first country to open Caspian energy resources to development by U.S. and European companies and has emerged as a key player for global energy security. The Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline project, supported by successive U.S. Administrations, is the most successful project contributing to the development of the South Caucasus region. Realization of the Trans Anatolian Pipeline (TANAP) Project between

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